

# Arts in the Parks Fence Art Call for Visual Artists

## Description

The City of Tempe is seeking a visual artist with experience in visual arts, fibers, pliable materials and/or mixed media to create temporary art installations woven onto three fences located between schools and Tempe Parks for at least 6 months. The selected artist or artist team will create a design that is inspired by the park and input from the surrounding park neighborhoods. Expectations also include attending pop-ups to gather input from the community and hosting workshops at elementary schools adjacent to the park. Visual artists with experience responding to community in the ideation and implementation of creating and sharing art are encouraged to apply.

## Arts in the Parks Program Description

The Arts in the Parks Program creates memorable community connections by bringing the arts to neighborhood parks. The program is initiated by residents and reflects the identity and values of the park's community. [www.tempe.gov/ArtsintheParks](http://www.tempe.gov/ArtsintheParks)

## Expectations

Successful applicants must commit to:

- Attend up to 3 pop-ups to gather input from neighborhood (1 at each park)
- Host up to 3 workshops (1 at each elementary school)
- Design, fabricate and install a visual art fence installation that is colorful, vibrant, and connects the park, school and neighboring community for six months

## Qualifications

Artists or Artist Team are encouraged to apply who meet the following qualifications:

- Experience in visual arts, fibers, pliable materials and/or mixed media
- Experience using creative skills in social practice, creative place-making, community engagement, teaching, temporary artworks and/or pop-ups
- Live in Maricopa County and be available to host workshops and install in fall 2021/early spring 2022. Tempe Park/School locations are Selleh/Curry, Scudder/Rover and Harelson/Kyrene de la Mariposa.

## Deadline

Monday, May 3, 2021 at 11:59pm

## Compensation

\$5,000 per park, up to 3 parks (up to \$15,000) - includes artist stipend and all materials

## Individual Mentorship

We offer individualized support and mentorship to answer questions about the project and guidance on completing your application. Schedule a session with Julie Akerly, City of Tempe, Community Arts Specialist: <https://calendly.com/julieakerly/artistcalls>

**How to apply**

Complete online submission found at: [www.tempe.gov/ArtsJobs](http://www.tempe.gov/ArtsJobs)

- Statement of interest (max. 500 words)  
Describe your interest in this opportunity, and address how you are uniquely qualified for this project including the following:
  - Your experience working with fibers, pliable materials and/or mixed media
  - Your experience using creative skills in social practice, creative place-making, community engagement, teaching, temporary artworks and/or pop-ups
- Examples of past work (5 images with descriptions of the project and materials)

**Timeline**

May 3 – Application Deadline

Early June – Community Review Panel and Interviews

Late June – Artists notified

July – Project Orientation

Sep/Oct – Pop-Ups

Oct/Apr – Workshops & Installations

**For Questions Contact:**

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